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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Koji KISHI et al.)
Application No.: 09/914,552) Group Art Unit: 1623
Filed: August 30, 2001) Examiner: Unassigned

For: METHOD FOR ASSAYING BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE COMPONENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert as a new paragraph:

~~This application claims the benefit of earlier filed International Application No. PCT/JP00/01172 filed February 29, 2000.~~

REMARKS

No questions of new matter are raised by the above amendment. Entry of the above amendment is therefore respectfully requested.